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Title: STERILE LOW BICARBONATE DIALYSIS CONCENTRATE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION  
OF DECEMBER 28, 2004  
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

May 18, 2005

**VIA COURIER**

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Dear Sir:

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated December 28, 2004 and due for response March 28, 2005, Applicant encloses a Request for a two month extension of time with the fee for a large entity of \$450.00 U.S. funds making this response due May 28, 2005. Applicant also include herewith a Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement long with the necessary fee of \$180.00. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for the Extension of Time (fee), please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

In response to the outstanding Official Action of December 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

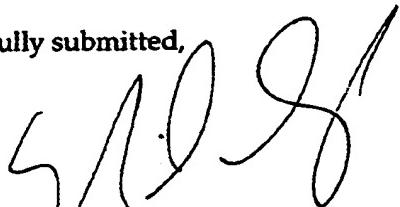
**Attachments:** Request for a 2 Month Extension of Time;

Cheque in the amount of \$630.00 USD;

Printout of Trade Mark Registration of NORMOCARB;

If any questions arise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Neil Hughes or alternatively Charles Pigeon at (905) 771-6414 collect at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

- 1) Request for 2 Month Extension of Time
- 2) Cheque in the amount of \$630.00 USD
- 3) Printout referring to NORMOCARB
- 4) Information Disclosure Statement